



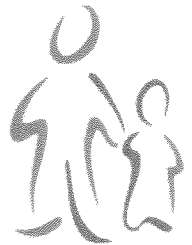
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES
FOR THE EXPANSION OF GENERAL CHILD CARE AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached County of Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) recommendations to establish priorities for new General Child Care and Development (Attachment I) and State Preschool Programs (Attachment II), through the California Department of Education/Child Development Division (CDE/CDD).
2. Direct the Chairman to sign the enclosed Local Planning Council (LPC) County Priorities Report Forms for each Service Planning Area (SPA) for both General Child Care Expansion and Preschool Expansion (Attachment III).

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval is needed from your Board and the County Superintendent of Schools to establish priorities for expansion of General Child Care and Development Programs and State Preschool Programs in unserved/underserved areas in the County of Los Angeles. CDE/CDD requires local councils to identify priorities to guide the process for allocating new funds, when they become available to General Child Care and Development Programs and State Preschool programs for services to low-income families in the County of Los Angeles. New funds are currently not available.

The California Education Code, Section 8499.5(e) states: "The department shall allocate funding within each county in accordance with the priorities identified by the local planning council of that county, and submitted to the department pursuant to this section, unless the priorities do not meet the requirements of State or Federal law." The Planning Committee has identified priority areas based on an updated assessment of the need for subsidized child development services, and the current supply of State Preschool and General Child Care and Development services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net County cost or fiscal impact on County operations. Individual organizations prepared to provide services in the unserved/underserved communities will submit applications to CDE/CDD for expansion funds, when such funds become available.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS

The attached recommendations were reviewed at a public hearing hosted by the Planning Committee on June 21, 2004. The recommendations were adopted by the full Planning Committee on July 8, 2004.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Funding for current child care and development services will not be impacted. The new recommendations will only be used for new funding made available through CDE/CDD.

CONCLUSION

Signed/stamped copies of the LPC County Priorities Report Forms should be returned to:

- Chief Administrative Office, Service Integration Branch, Office of Child Care, 222 South Hill Street, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Copies will be forwarded to CDE/CDD, as required.

Sincerely,



MICHELE SARTELL, Chair
Child Care Planning Committee

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Attachments (3)



**County of Los Angeles
Child Care Planning Committee**

**Recommended Priorities for Future Funding
For General Child Care and Development Services**

The California Department of Education (CDE) relies on each county to decide on the strategy for determining priorities. Each local planning council decides which data is pertinent and how to analyze the data to determine unmet needs. The Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) compiled the following data at the zip code level:

1. Number of children, birth to two years old, two to five years old, and six to 12 years old, in working families whose incomes are less than 75 percent of the State Median Income (SMI). This data was extrapolated from the 2000 Census data. While low-income working parents with children are not the only eligible group, they comprise the majority of the families eligible for subsidized child care, and can serve as an indicator of overall need.
2. Number of children (infants, preschool-age, and school-age), who are currently enrolled in a California Department of Education/Child Development Division (CDE/CDD) program by resident zip codes. The programs include Alternative Payment, Center-based, Family Child Care Network, CalWORKs Child Care Stages 2 and 3, and Full-day State Preschool. These numbers, provided by CDE/CDD staff, were compiled with information from December 2003 contractor reports.

The following table provides the Countywide totals for the data used in setting priorities.

Age Group	Eligible Population	Number currently served
Infants	54,957	5,705
Preschool-age	119,584	*38,458
School-age	234,683	31,658

* Excludes part-day State preschool.

In creating a formula that would help identify the areas most in need of more resources, the Planning Committee's Strategic Planning and Needs Assessment Work Group considered the size of the resident population of eligible children and the percentage of those children currently served.

In the case of infants, the Work Group determined that, to be considered a "Priority 1" zip code, the population threshold for eligible infants is 50, and the percentage served is 50 percent or less. For preschool age children, the eligible population threshold is 100 children, and the percentage served is 50 percent or less. The threshold of 50 infants was based on the feasibility of operating a subsidized program in a specific area for this particular age group. It was estimated that a minimum of 50 eligible infants could result in enrollment of at least one class/group of 12, which is a typical number for a center-based program. The number 100 was used for preschool-age children because of the variety of options that parents have for this age group. To operate a fully-enrolled program, it is necessary to have

a bigger pool of potential enrollees. While taking into consideration the viability of group size, using the relatively small number of 50 infants (or 100 preschoolers) allows for the opportunity to create care for low-income families in areas not commonly recognized as very low income. Based on our population data, it is clear that there are low-income families in almost every area of the County of Los Angeles.

Using 50 percent as the threshold for determining whether an area was unserved/underserved was the result of looking at actual percentages of served children. Fifty percent seemed to be a reasonable separation point, given the current distribution of services. Areas where there are many children already served often experience a sort of “saturation” factor. This means that centers find it difficult to fully enroll their programs because there are so many centers/programs competing for the same group of children. This can be avoided by encouraging development of new services in areas with less than 50 percent currently served.

For school-age children, the eligible population threshold is 200, and the percentage served is 25 percent or less. The threshold number and percent served for school-age children are different because the population is much larger and the range of options that parents choose to use for their school-age children is much broader, including dozens of programs beyond those subsidized through CDE. The pool of eligible children needed to ensure a fully-enrolled program needs to be larger, thus the threshold of 200 eligible children. Again, because there are so many other options for school-age care, it was decided that 25 percent or less children served was a good indicator of unmet need. The assumption here was that as much as an additional 25 percent of eligible children could be using other local programs, which would still leave a significant number of unserved children.

The data and methodology formula described above resulted in the identification of zip codes as “Priority 1” areas for new funding for child care and development services. In some cases, the high need for subsidized child care applies only to a single age group, or to two of the three age groups. These zip codes were included as “Priority 1” in order to eliminate the possibility that funds would be allocated to serve only one age group, thus facilitating the creation of piecemeal care for families. The zip codes in which the need for care for one or two age groups is much greater will be marked with asterisks. This will help in planning for additional services. For zip codes where there was a clear need for one age group but not for others, the combined eligible populations of all age groups must equal a least 300 children per zip code.

Priority 1 zip codes by Service Planning Areas (SPA) are as follows:

SPA 1

93534	93535	93536	93543	93550	93551	93552	93591
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SPA 2

91040*	91042**	91201	91202	91203	91204	91205	91206
91214*	91303	91304	91306	91311	91316***	91321	91324
91325	91331**	91335	91340	91342**	91343	91344	91345****
91350	91352	91356	91367*	91401	91402	91405	91406
91411	91423*	91501***	91502	91504	91505***	91506*	91601
91605	91606	91607					

SPA 3

91001	91006***	91007***	91010	91016	91101	91103	91104
91106	91107*	91702	91706	91711	91722	91723*	91724
91731	91792	91732	91733	91740	91741	91744	91745
91746	91748	91750	91754	91755	91765*	91767	91768
91770	91773**	91775***	91776	91780	91789	91790	91791
91801	91803						

SPA 4

90004	90005	90006	90012**	90015	90017	90019	90020
90023	90026	90027	90028	90029	90031	90032	90033
90036*****	90038	90039	90041	90042	90046	90057	90065

SPA 5

90025**	90034	90035	90045	90064***	90066**	90230**	90232
90291**							

SPA 6

90001	90002	90003	90007	90008	90011	90016	90018
90037	90043	90044	90047	90059	90061	90062	90220
90221	90222	90262	90723				

SPA 7

90022	90058*	90040	90063	90201	90240	90241	90242
90255	90270	90280	90601	90602	90604	90605	90606
90638	90640	90650	90660	90670*	90701***	90703*	90706
90710	90712	90715	90716	90806			

SPA 8

90247	90249	90250	90260	90278**	90301	90302	90303
90304	90305*****	90501	90502	90503***	90504	90505*	90731
90732***	90744	90745	90802	90804	90805	90806	90807
90808	90810	90813	90814*	90815	90717		

Other Priorities:

Agencies responding to funding proposals who will be serving American Indian populations in any County of Los Angeles zip code should be considered as "Priority 1."

All zip codes in the County of Los Angeles, other than those stated above, are considered "Priority 2" areas.

The Planning Committee instructs CDE/CDD to use these zip code priorities in promoting any future funding opportunities for subsidized child care and development services in the County of Los Angeles.

* Primary need for school-age

** Primary need for infants and school-age

*** Primary need for preschool and school-age

**** Primary need for Infants

***** Primary need for preschool and infants



**County of Los Angeles
Child Care Planning Committee**

**Recommended Priorities for Future Funding
For State Preschool**

The California Department of Education (CDE) relies on each county to decide on the strategy for determining priorities. Each local planning council decides which data is pertinent and how to analyze the data to determine unmet needs. The Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) compiled the following data at the zip code level:

1. Number of children ages two to five years old in families whose incomes are less than 75 percent of the State Median Income (SMI). This data was extrapolated from the 2000 Census data.
2. Number of preschool age children who are currently enrolled in a California Department of Education/Child Development Division (CDE/CDD) State Preschool Program by resident zip codes. These numbers, provided by CDE/CDD staff, were compiled with information from December 2003 contractor reports.

In creating a formula that would help identify the areas most in need of more State preschool resources, the size of the resident population of eligible children and the percentage of those children currently served were considered.

The total population of children two to five years old was reduced by the number of children whose parent(s) work. Families of these children are much less likely to use a half-day program. Birthrates have been very steady for the last five years. This means that in any age cohort (i.e., 1-2, 2-3, etc.), there will be approximately the same number of children. Because there are four age cohorts in the census data for ages two through five, but only two age cohorts that are possibly eligible for State preschool (ages three and four), the remaining population was divided in half. **The remaining population number would then represent children who are both age-eligible and income-eligible, and are most likely to use a half-day program.**

To consider any zip code area a "Priority 1" for any new funding, the number of unserved, eligible preschool-age children in the area had to equal at least 100. The number of eligible children was compared to the number of children currently served in that zip code area. If the resulting number was 25 percent or less of the number of eligible children, and there were at least 100 unserved eligible children, then the area was considered a "Priority 1." The number 100 was used for preschool-age children because of the variety of options that parents have for this age group. To operate a fully-enrolled program, it is necessary to have a bigger pool of potential enrollees. It is likely that an operator could fully enroll at least one class or group from a pool of 100 eligible children. Again, because there are so many other options for preschool-age children, it was decided that 25 percent or less children served was a good indicator of unmet need. The assumption here was that as much as an additional 25

percent of eligible children could be using other local programs, which would still leave a significant number of unserved children.

Using the data and formula described above, resulted in the identification of zip codes as “Priority 1” areas for any new funding for State preschool funds.

“Priority 1” zip codes by Service Planning Areas (SPA) are as follows:

SPA 1

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SPA 2

91204	91205	91206	91303	91304	91306	91324	91331
91335	91342	91343	91350	91352	91356	91367	91384
91401	91402	91405	91406	91411	91601	91605	91606

SPA 3

91006	91731	91732	91733	91765	91766	91789
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SPA 4

90004	90005	90006	90012	90015	90017	90019	90020
90023	90026	90027	90028	90029	90031	90033	90039
90042	90057	90065					

SPA 5

90025	90045	90066	90291	90405
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SPA 6

90001	90002	90003	90007	90008	90011	90016	90018
90037	90043	90044	90059	90061	90062	90221	

SPA 7

90063	90201	90241	90242	90255	90280	90602	90640
90703	90710	90806					

SPA 8

90247	90250	90302	90303	90501	90503	90717	90731
90745	90804	90806	90807	90813			

Other Priorities:

Agencies responding to funding proposals who will be serving American Indian populations in any County of Los Angeles zip code should be considered as “Priority 1.”

All zip codes in the County of Los Angeles, other than those stated above, are considered “Priority 2” areas.

The Planning Committee instructs CDE/CDD to use these zip code priorities in promoting any future funding opportunities for State preschool in the County of Los Angeles.

Local Planning Council (LPC) County Priorities Report Form

Return to:

Local Planning Council Team
 Child Development Division
 1430 N Street, Suite 3410
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Please complete all the information requested below:

County Name: Los Angeles	LPC Coordinator Name and Telephone Number: Laura Escobedo, (213) 974-4102
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The LPC hereby certifies that the priorities as indicated below have been prepared and reviewed in accordance with Education Code requirements.

☐ The priorities submitted to CDD in 2002 are still valid and no change is needed.

☒ The priorities have been revised and are contained in the attached reports:

Child Care Planning Committee Recommended Priorities for the Expansion of General Child Care Funding.

Child Care Planning Committee Recommended Priorities for the Expansion of State Preschool Funding.

(Attach additional pages if needed)

SIGNATURES *		
Authorized Representative - County Board of Supervisors	Telephone Number	Date
Authorized Representative - County Superintendent of Schools	Telephone Number	Date
<i>Donna P. Roth</i>	(562) 972-6127	7-21-04
Local Child Care Planning Council Chairperson	Telephone Number	Date
<i>Michelle Sautter</i>	(562) 570-4245	7-21-04

* **Instructions for Signatures**

If the priorities previously submitted are still valid, only the LPC Chairperson signature is required.

If revised priorities are being submitted, it is a local decision whether the changes are significant enough to require approval by the authorized representatives of the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools or whether they may be approved solely by the LPC Chairperson.